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SUBJECT: HCIR AMENDMENT ON DMZ INCIDENT AND MYONGDONG SENTENCES

REF: STATE 217257

1. WE PASSED TEXT OF RESOLUTION REFTEL TO MOFA AMERICA BUREAU DIRECTOR PAK SANG-YONG AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 2 AND CALLED HIS ATTENTION TO POINTS MADE BEGINNING PARA 1 AND IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL. PAK IMMEDIATELY PICKED OUT PHRASE "DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA" IN PARA (1) OF RESOLUTION AND SAID THAT "ROKG DOES NOT LIKE TO HAVE THIS TITLE RECOGNIZED IN A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION." HE NOTED THAT THIS DESIGNATION HAD APPEARED IN THE FRASER AMENDMENT TO THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT WHICH WAS KILLED IN COMMITTEE.

2. PAK'S INITIAL REACTION TO PARA (2) OF RESOLUTION ES TO ASK IF EMBASSY COULD DETERMINE WHETHER THERE WAS ANY PRECEDENT FOR CONGRESS TO URGE A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS REMITTING SENTENCES. PAK WENT ON TO EXPRESS "STRONG RESERVATION" ABOUT FORMULA AND CONTENT OF PARAS (2) (A) AND (B) OF RESOLUTION AND SAID HE HOPED THAT IN THE "PLENARY SESSION" A MORE BALANCED VIEW WILL BE EXPRESSED. PAK ALSO ASKED IF ALL MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE HAS BEEN PRESENT WHEN RESOLUTION WAS PASSED. WE NOTED THAT PARA (2) OF RESOLUTION
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REFLECTED VIEWS OF FULL COMMITTEE, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVE

DDERWINSKI AND OTHER ROKG SUPPORTERS, AND THAT CONSEQUENTLY
IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE
IN THE RESOLUTION WHEN THE FULL HOUSE VOTED ON IT.

3. PAK SUBSEQUENTLY TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT HE HAD SHOWN
TEXT TO FOREIGN MINISTER WHO "WAS NOT HAPPY" ABOUT THE
RESOLUTION WHICH HE SAID "EQUATES ROK TO DPRK." MINISTER
SAID IMPLICATION OF RESOLUTION IS THAT THE ACTION OF THE
ROK COURT IS THE EQUIVALENT OF THE ACTS OF MURDER
COMMITTED BY NORTH KOREAN SOLDIERS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION
DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE TO RESPOND TO QUERY IN SENTENCE 1,
PARA 2 ABOVE.
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